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PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE

Of Republican Lawmakers As Obtained by the Literary Digest. One Legislator From Vermont Says, "I Presume T. Roosevelt's Money Is Paying for This, But I Assure You, Should He By Any Means Steal the Republican Nomination, There Will Be Enough Who Will Stay at Home and Vote the Democratic Ticket to Insure His Defeat."

The Literary Digest, not satisfied with the presidential primary, has resorted to another plan, namely, the questioning of republican and progressive members of the state legislature. The Digest says:

"The disappointing failure of the presidential primary to indicate clearly any republican nominee has led the us to try out another method of accomplishing this result. As it is impracticable to interrogate all republican voters on this question, we have taken the next best course by questioning republican and progressive members of state legislatures, on the conviction that they know the wishes of the voters in their districts, and will represent them fairly well in their replies. The legislative districts are smaller and more numerous than the congressional districts, and their members are now at home, since most of these assemblies have adjourned, while the congressmen remain at Washington. For these reasons a poll of the legislatures seems likely to reflect the will of the voters more truly than a poll of congressmen. We have received 1,500 replies, or 500 more than the total number of delegates in the republican national convention. Many of the writers will probably be members of that body. Their verdict, therefore, is most timely and pertinent. It will not surprise many to know that the leaders of the poll are Justice Hughes, Colonel Roosevelt and ex-Secretary Root, but the vote for each is of interest. Justice Hughes appears with 758 ballots, Colonel Roosevelt with 275, and Mr. Root with 138. Favorite sons are still supported in their home states and to some degree elsewhere, as may be discerned in the vote of 84 for Mr. Cummins, of Iowa; 44 for Mr. Burton, of Ohio; 47 for Mr. Sherman, of Illinois; 24 for Mr. Weeks, of Massachusetts, and 41 for Mr. LaFollette, of Wisconsin. Names mentioned less often are those of Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania; Senator Penrose, and ex-Secretary Philander Knox, of the same state. In addition, among those present are Congressman James R. Mann, of Illinois; Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan; ex-Governor Hadley, of Missouri; Senator Borah, of Idaho; Senator Warren C. Harding, of Ohio; ex-Ambassador Herrick, of Ohio; Colonel Dupont; General Leonard Wood, Senator Lodge, Governor McCall, of Massachusetts; Judge Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, and Governor Johnson, of California.

Ex-President Taft, avowedly not a candidate, receives 12 votes, and former Vice-President Fairbanks receives outside of Indiana, 7 votes, and in Indiana 12. While the majority of states in which information was sought are here represented, a number of replies are still due from Indiana and others will be published in a subsequent issue.

Parentetically, we may recall to our readers that in the republican forecast of the presidential campaign, as expressed by republican editors, senators and representatives, which appeared in these pages December 18, 1915, the leaders in the poll of more than 700 opinions were Mr. Root, with 240, and Justice Hughes, with 152 votes. Ex-President Taft was credited with 51, and Colonel Roosevelt with 47. Ex-Senator Burton, who remains Ohio's favorite son, had 122 votes, and Senator Sherman, of Illinois, had 144. Mr. Fairbanks had 58, and Senator Weeks 53. That a strong desire was felt in the west for a candidate from that section was also recorded, and it was noted that in that region Senator Borah stood first with 108 votes, and Senator Cummins second with 77, while Governor Johnson received 18.

The picturesque and forceful figure of "T. R." seems to rouse strong feeling, whether for or against him. We

A WELL KNOWN ARCADIA BOY

Has a Close Call, His Ship Being Missed By a Torpedo From a German Submarine Only About Ten Feet. Mr. Odlin Arrived in New York Monday on the French Ship Patria. He Will Arrive in Arcadia Friday Morning to Visit His Parents, Judge and Mrs. A. F. Odlin.

Judge A. F. Odlin received yesterday the following telegram from his son, Lawrence, who has for the past year been paymaster on the American cruiser Des Moines, plying in European waters:

"New York, Tuesday, May 2, 1916. A. F. Odlin, Arcadia, Fla.

Arrived in New York safely Monday on the Patria. Delightful trip. Will be in Washington Wednesday, and expect to arrive in Arcadia Friday morning.

LAWRENCE."

In connection with the arrival of Mr. Odlin, a telegraphic communication from New York Monday will be found of interest. It does not appear, however, that Mr. Odlin was aware of the great danger in which his ship was placed. The telegraphic dispatch is as follows:

New York, May 1.—The French passenger steamer Patria, which arrived here today from Naples and Palermo, reported that on her last outward voyage at 10 a. m. on April 5, she was a target of a submarine torpedo attack in the Mediterranean. The torpedo missed the ship but about ten feet, the officers said.

THEY ARE STILL CONFERRING

"On the Grounds of Good Relations, and Hope That An Agreement Will Soon Be Reached Acceptable to Each Government."

El Paso, Texas, May 3.—Marked progress toward an agreement has been made by Mexican and American representatives considering the presence of American troops in Mexico, and their disposition, according to unofficial but authoritative sources. It is now believed that the matter will be thrashed out within the next day or two.

This progress was due to the fact that General Obregon, representing the Mexican government, had decided that there was no possibility of convincing Washington that General Pershing's expeditionary force should be withdrawn at once, it is said.

At 8 o'clock last night, eight hours after his conference with General Obregon began, General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the American army, handed this statement to the Associated Press:

"We are still conferring on the grounds of good relations, and hope that an agreement will soon be reached acceptable to each government. There is nothing more to be said for publication at present."

This statement was signed by the Mexican war minister and General Scott.

NO ACTION AS YET ON BRANDEIS.

Washington, May 3.—Efforts to get in the senate judiciary committee on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court failed again and the committee adjourned after several hours' debate until today. It was announced, however, that the vote might be taken next Monday. Republican senators urged a vote at once. Several democrats wanted to wait because of the absence of Senator Shields, of Tennessee.

PEACE ARMY OF ABOUT 180,000 MEN.

Washington, May 3.—A regular standing army of 180,000 men at peace strength has practically been decided upon by the senate and house conferees, it became known today. With the plans for expansion as provided in the senate bill, this would produce an army of about 250,000 men in war strength.

The senate fixed the peace strength at 250,000 men.

THE MUSIC AND EXPRESSION DEPTS. ACQUITTED THEMSELVES CREDITABLY

Tuesday and Wednesday Nights. The House Was Filled to Overflowing Each Evening, and Each Number Was Voraciously Applauded.

The programs presented by the pupils of the Departments of Music and Expression of the DeSoto County High School Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week reflected credit upon the performers and teachers, Miss Kate Carlton and Miss Allie Rice, the instructors in music and expression respectively. The following are the programs in full:

TUESDAY EVENING.

DUET: "Snow Flakes" H. V. Gael
CHESTERFIELD HAYS AND JAMES SCOTT.
READING: "The Punishment of Robert" Wilbur Nesbit
ETHEL JONES.
SOLOS: (a) "Cheerfulness" Daniel Rowe
KATHLEEN CONNELL.
(b) Polka Spaulding
SALLIE GARDNER.
READING: "Three Little Chestnuts" DOROTHY TONKIN.
TRIO: "Pas Redouble" Streabegg
MARGARET AND CLYDE STEWART AND AGNES JONES.
READING: Cutting from "Miss Minerva and William Greenhill" Kate Douglas Wiggins
GORDON HAYS.
DUET: "The Beetles' Dance" Edward Holst
JUANITA AND OUIDA DURRANCE.
READING: (a) "Old Man and Jim" Riley
(b) "That Old Sweetheart of Mine" Riley
CHARLES MARTIN.
SOLOS: (a) "In May" THELMA WELLES.
(b) "Bonnie" Paul Lawson
LUCILE TONKIN.
READING: "Buying a Railroad Ticket" Arnold
MARGARET POWELL.
DUET: "Jon Joux Polka" Behr
ISABELLE AND ALICE SCOTT.
READING: "If My Papa Was a Dolly" Edmond Vance Cooke
NORMA SEWARD.
DUO: "At the Festival" Valse-Wachs
MABEL SIMMONS AND MARGARET STEWART.
READING: "The Pickaninny" THELMA WELLES.
DUET: "On to Triumph" D. Spooner
ELSIE AND SADIE TYLER.
READING: "The Oak and the Ivy" Eugene Fields
NORMA LENCE.
QUARTETTE: "Modern Chivalry" F. R. Webb
ELIZABETH JONES, ELSIE FUSSELL, FRANCES BRITTE, AND IDA BELLE APLEYBY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

DUET: "Autumn Idyl" Pierre Renard
ROSE HAHN AND LOUISE SCOTT.
READING: "Wee, Willie Whiskie" Kipling
JOSEPHINE LINK.
SOLO: "Night Thoughts" Engelmunn
ALVIN KELLAM.
READING: "A Change of Heart" VIVIAN JERNEGAN.
DUO: "Valse des Sylphes" Berlioz
OUIDA DURRANCE AND EMILY POOSER.
SOLO: "Twilight on the River" (Barenolles) Ludwig Reuk
MARGARET STEWART.
READING: "Plebe Time" Riley
CARL HARN.
TRIO: "Homeward March" Charles Lindsay
ALBERTA BENNETT, JUANITA DURRANCE AND RONA COX.
READING: "Who's Afraid?" MABEL SIMMONS.
DUET: "Capriccio, March de Concert" Wachs
MISSSES GRACE SMITH AND KATE E. CARLTON.
READING: "Aux Halls" Owen Meredith
LURA MATTHEWS.
DUET: "Little Sunshine Polka" Wahlfahrt
JANET AND MARY CADMAN.
READING: "Jack the Giant Killer" Riley
DOUGLAS TREADWELL.
SOLO: "Woodland Fancies" (Reverie) H. D. Hewitt
CHESTERFIELD HAYS.
READING: "A Transaction in Mumps" Cutting from Miss Minerva and William Green Hill
MARY FUSSELL.
QUARTETTE: "Carmen, Parlow" Bizet
BETTIE GORE, LURA MATTHEWS, RUBY TRICE AND OLA RAULERSON.
READING: "A Little Girl's Wish" Libbie Baer
JUANITA WORLEY.
DUO: "Polacca Brillante" (arranged by Heinze) Weber
MISSSES KATE E. CARLTON AND BETTIE GORE.

TWO WEEKS PASSED AND NO ANSWER YET FROM BERLIN ON SUB. QUESTION

Optimism Still Prevails in Official Circles. Germany's Note Is Expected to Be Clear-Cut and Brief. Nearly All Believe That Germany Will Make Concessions Rather Than to Have America Break Off Diplomatic Relations.

Washington, May 3.—Two weeks have passed since Washington dispatched to Germany its note demanding that an abandonment of her submarine procedure must be affected at once or diplomatic relations would be discontinued, and no reply from Germany has yet been received. Officials here continue to maintain a spirit of optimism, however. There is no effort to conceal a feeling that is certain to become more pronounced, however, unless some definite news is forthcoming.

It is felt here that the very length of time which has been consumed by the German government in preparing a reply indicates that this reply will be brief and clear-cut. The reply is likely to assume an argumentative character, according to some opinions, but this can scarcely meet the requirements of the American government.

Those in close touch with the German embassy express themselves as being positive that Germany will make concessions to the United States which will prevent breaking off of diplomatic relations. They said the German government has been advised that the United States meant just what it said in its note, and was not prepared to enter into any negotiations in the matter of submarine warfare until the present methods had been abandoned.

NORTHERN M. E. CHURCH

Favors Uniting With the M. E. Church South. Every Allusion to Such a Union Made in An Address Delivered Before the General Conference by Bishop John W. Hamilton, of Boston, Was Greeted With Rounds of Applause.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 3.—Recommendations of the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, aroused great enthusiasm among delegates to the general conference here. This recommendation was contained in the Episcopal address the formal utterance of the board of bishops to the conference, which was read by Bishop John W. Hamilton, of Boston.

Each declaration in favor of such union was met with prolonged applause, and the recommendation that an investigating committee report to the present conference on the best methods to bring about the amalgamation caused a demonstration of several minutes' duration. Bishop Joseph F. Bery, of Philadelphia, who presided at yesterday's session, said: "This hearty and unusual demonstration from the heart of this body concerning organic union is most significant. It would seem most appropriate that at this moment we bow our heads and silently ask God's blessing on this movement and His guidance as to the methods to bring it about."

The assemblage was hushed as all the delegates bowed their heads in silent prayer.

PICNIC AT FORT OGDEN

Yesterday Was An Enjoyable Occasion For Many of Our Citizens. A Dinner Was Served By the People of This Community That Was Spoken of by Many as Being Positively "Unbeatable." The Candidates Were There In Great Numbers.

Yesterday Fort Ogden was the scene of a very enjoyable occasion when the good people of that community were the hosts to a large crowd of representative citizens from all over the county at a picnic and candidates' rally. The morning was spent in getting acquainted, after which a large dinner was served. From the reports of those who attended it seems that all the chickens in the county must have been killed and fried for this dinner. Besides the chicken, all the other edibles usually supplied at a picnic were provided by the people of that hospitable section. A ball game between Fort Ogden and Wauchula was the center of attraction for the afternoon. The results of this game proved that Wauchula had beaten their hosts by a small margin. A large number of Arcadians attended the picnic, and all of them are profuse in explaining the good times they had.

GERMANY'S REPLY EXPECTED THURSDAY.

London, May 3.—The Exchange Telegraph's Amsterdam dispatch says diplomatic circles in close touch with Germany believe that a reply to the American note will be delivered in Thursday.

DR. AND MRS. J. A. SIMMONS TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF SANATORIUM.

Monday Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Simmons moved out to the Sanatorium, where they will have personal charge in the future. This announcement will doubtless be hailed with pleasure by those persons whose physical condition makes it necessary to have a quiet home and the most skillful treatment. The wide experience of Dr. Simmons is such as to be a sufficient guarantee to all sufferers that they will receive every attention if placed in his care.

Lemuel Ross, resident manager of the Palmdale Land Company, motored over from his home at Palmdale yesterday for a few hours business here.

OFFENSIVE ON VERDUN FRONT

Monday Night the French Made a Strong Attack On German Positions Southeast of Fort Douaumont. They Captured a First Line German Trenches 500 Meters Long, and Took 100 Prisoners, According to the French Official Statement.

London, May 3.—The French Monday night made a strong attack against German positions southeast of Fort Douaumont, on the Verdun front. The French captured a first line German trench 500 metres long and took 100 prisoners, according to the French official statement at Paris. The French war office also announced that in their attacks on April 29 and 30 on the north slope of Dead Man's Hill the French gained German trenches over a front of 2,000 metres and for a depth of 300 to 600 metres.

The report states that artillery activity continued throughout the night from Avocourt wood to Dead Man's Hill.

The Russian report states that the czar's army has regained positions recently lost to the Germans north of Mlynov. On the other hand, the Austrian official statement tells of gains of ground by the Austrians on the Russian front and the taking of some 200 Russian prisoners in that sector.

There has been a renewal of activity on the Austro-Italian front in the Gorizia sector. It is mostly confined to artillery action, and this is true of other sections of the Austro-Italian front.

Except for the activity in the Verdun sector there is little fighting just now on the western front.

There seems to be a lull in the Caucasus campaign. Since taking Trebizond, the Turkish port on the Black Sea, Grand Duke Nicholas has apparently been giving his army a rest preparatory to a further advance against the Turks.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Frank Hays and Mrs. Ed. Hays at the home of the latter. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Semple, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. H. G. Gates.

Twenty-three members and one guest, Mrs. Rupert Smith, were present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

After a short business session the afternoon was spent socially. Later in the afternoon the ladies were privileged to listen to a very interesting talk by Mrs. R. D. Yerian, of St. Petersburg, regarding the Salvation Army rescue work. Mrs. Yerian works among the southern states in the interest of the South Carolina Home for Women and Children.

At the close of a very pleasant afternoon the hostess served daily refreshments consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches and iced tea.

On account of the annual Sunday school picnic next Tuesday the society will not meet until Tuesday, May 16th, when it will be entertained by Mrs. McL. Martin.

TAMPA MAN FOUND DEAD.

Dr. Rudolph Goldstein Had Been Disappointed.

Tampa, May 3.—The body of Dr. Rudolph Goldstein, a prominent optometrist, of this city, was found dead in bed at his room in a private residence yesterday morning with a deep gash in his throat. A note left to his brother, Dr. Granville Goldstein, asked the latter to make the funeral arrangements and dispose of the business.

Dr. Goldstein, who was 50 years old, recently underwent an operation for tumor, and had been despondent since that time.

Mrs. Alice B. Royall and Miss G. D. Strader, who have been spending the past winter in this city with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Scott and family, left yesterday afternoon for their home in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Royall, who has been making Arcadia her winter home for the past several years, will return here at the beginning of next fall. Mrs. Royall and Miss Strider will make the trip by water, taking a boat at Jacksonville.

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